THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 17th August 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, the Deputy Speaker (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* RESIGNATION OF THE HON. SPEAKER.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—"I have to announce to the House that under the provisions of clause (*b*) of Article 179 of the Constitution, Sri J. Sivashanmugam Pillai, has resigned his office as Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly and also his Membership of this Assembly under the provisions of clause (3) (*b*) of Article 190 of the Constitution with effect from the 16th August 1955."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—RESOLUTION *RE* HOMAGE TO GOA MARTYRS.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I crave your indulgence to interrupt the business of the House and move the following resolution :—

> '*The House pays its homage to the memory of the Martyrs who have laid down their lives in the cause of the liberation of Goa from foreign domination. The Assembly is shocked at the brutal and uncivilized behaviour of the Portuguese authorities in shooting down peaceful and unarmed Satyagrahis in violation of all accepted canons of International Law.*'

"Sir, as we were celebrating the Independence Day in our country, in a corner of the soil of our own country a different drama was being enacted. Unarmed Satyagrahis were shot down by the Portuguese authorities. For what offence? For proclaiming to the world that Goa also forms part of India. Therefore, it is but natural that on that Independence Day the Indian Flag should be hoisted within that Goa territory and for making that peaceful attempt they were shot down. Sir, this incident is of very great significance. In my view in this incident I see the spirit of man pitted against the brute in man. It may be for the present the spirit has received a set back but I have absolutely no doubt that the spirit will ultimately triumph. But that triumph can be complete not by the spirit converting itself into the brute but by the transformation of the brute into the spirit. That is the great message which the Father of the Nation has left behind for us and it is that which our great Prime Minister tries to follow. This is an hour of trial for us because in spite of our strength and in spite of the smallness of the problem we are unable to use our